

WRITES TO GOVERNOR

H. St. George Tucker Urges
Call for Extra Session.

PRIMARY LAW IS NEEDED

Recent Decision by Norfolk Court
Leaves Democratic Voters at the
Mercy of Crooks, Who Cannot be
Punished for Offences.

Harry St. George-Tucker has ad-
dressed the following letter to Gov-
ernor Mann:

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 25th, 1910.
Governor William Hodges Mann,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Governor:

The League-Dispatch of this city,
in its issue of yesterday, announced
the fact that you had declined to
consider the question of calling an
extra session of the legislature for
the purpose of passing a bill legaliz-
ing the primary system of the state.
I feel quite sure that a large ma-
jority of the Democrats of the state
will greatly regret your decision, if
the newspaper report be true, and
they will doubtless feel that the facts
which have led the press of the state,
voicing the sentiment of the people,
to urge such a step, have not been
brought to your attention.

The primary system for the nomi-
nation of state, county and municipal
officers in Virginia, I feel warranted
in saying, has not received the up-
permost approval of the party through-
out the state, but it has been adopted
by the party as its method of nomi-
nating candidates, and it is practical-
ly the only method. For nearly ten
years it has been so used as a
method of making nominations in the
absence of legal provisions to
protect the elections from abuses and
frauds has been an obvious defect in
the system. The regular elections
being protected fully by penal provi-
sions of the statutes, it has been
thought by many that such provisions
extended to the primary system, and
many have believed that there was
no necessity, therefore, for a legaliz-
ed primary, as it was simply protected
by existing laws. This view has been
exploited within the last few days
by the decision of two able and upright
judges here in Norfolk city and Nor-
folk county, wherein they have held
that there is no law on the statute
books to punish frauds committed by
election officers in a primary election.

In such law needed? It must be
regretfully admitted that it is, and
though the elections may be conducted
fairly and honestly in most parts of
the state, if there be found one or
more spots where such has not been
the case, and the registered will of
the people has been diverted or
changed, a law to punish those guilty
of such acts, is of prime necessity;
for fraud in one spot, if the spot be
large enough, may be sufficient to
change the result of an election in
the whole state.

Since the Constitutional Conven-
tion, now nearly ten years ago, there
has been a demand for such a law.
Sec. 36 of the Constitution declares
"The general assembly shall enact
such laws as are necessary and prop-
er for the purpose of securing the
regularity and purity of general, local
and primary elections, and preventing
in connection therewith; and shall
have power, in addition to their pen-
alties and punishment, now or here-
after prescribed by law, for such offi-
cers, to provide that persons convicted
of them, shall thereafter be dis-
qualified from voting or holding of-
fice."

In pursuance of this declaration of
the Constitutional Convention, com-
posed of ninety Democrats, out of
one hundred members, there has been
an urgent demand from the people
that that provision should be enacted
into law. The State Democratic com-
mittee has had the question before it
for years. The State Convention held
at the city of Roanoke, two years
ago, approved a declaration favoring
such a law, and requested the State
committee to formulate and press to
its passage, a law in consonance with
the constitutional provision. The com-
mittee formulated and presented such
a bill to the last legislature. Speaker
Byrd likewise presented a bill, which,
by many, was regarded as adequate
and complete. Neither the commit-

tee's nor Speaker Byrd's bill was
passed, and the wrongdoer breathed
freer once again.

In the recent Congressional primary
in this district, in August last, a
charge was made by the defeated
candidate, that his successful oppo-
nent had been nominated by fraud. A
great meeting of Democrats, irrespec-
tive of faction, assembled in the city
of Norfolk, in one of the theaters,
and demanded an investigation of the
charges. The District Congressional
committee referred the matter to the
state committee, and after a full in-
vestigation by a sub-committee, their
report was adopted by a full commit-
tee, with one dissent, declaring the
primary void because of fraud. The
election officers charged with com-
mitting frauds were promptly indi-
cated, and the indictments against them
were quashed in the last few days,
because the judges held there was
no law on the statute books to punish
offenders in a primary election.

If there be no law in Virginia to
punish offenders in the primary elec-
tions, these offenses may be repeated
in the future. Shall this state of
things continue to undermine our party
and sap its vitality? What advantage
is it to appeal to the people for their
endorsement of some great prin-
ciple, if their registered will in its
favor can be stolen from them and
the robbers escape? While it is true
that the legislature, if called, would
be composed in a large measure of
the same members who refused to
enact the law presented to them last
winter, they would yet come to the
consideration of the question with
additional light upon the subject which
they have never had before. Law-
yers all over the state were divided
in their opinion as to whether the
provisions of the statute books were
sufficient to meet the case of primary
elections. The judges have disposed
of that question now, and held that
there is no such law.

I am informed that when the report
of the sub-committee of the state
committee in the recent Norfolk Pri-
mary case, was brought to the city
of Richmond, it contained a recom-
mendation for a legalized primary, but
that before its final adoption, this
provision was stricken out. In other
words, it was stricken out before the
report was presented to the full com-
mittee. By whose influence, I know
not, but it may be that this same
influence has been used in the past
to prevent the legislature from en-
acting such a law; but must yield (as
such influences have been known to
yield before) to the just and reason-
able demand of the people for honesty
in all their elections.

I speak not for myself alone, but
for the great body of the Democratic
party of the State, when I say that
the Democrats of this state have de-
termined, without regard to results,
or whom it may affect, that fraud in
our elections must cease, and the per-
petrators of it be punished.

The opportunity afforded you, the
governor of the state, with initial
power to call the legislature for this
good purpose, to write your name high
upon the rolls of the noble men who
have preceded you, can never be
clearer or greater, and I can wish for
no greater claim to the admiration of
your party than that by your act, this
blot upon the fair name of our party
shall be forever wiped out and frauds
in elections made impossible through-
out the length and breadth of our be-
loved state.

With my best wishes for the suc-
cess of your administration in all
things, I am,

Very truly your obedient servant,

H. ST. G. TUCKER.

ENGLISH CAMPAIGN
NOW IN FULL SWING

Public Not Showing Interest
Evinced in Two Previous
Contests.

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Nov. 26.—The election
campaign is in full swing and the
country is flooded with oratory and
literature. Billboards are covered
with cartoons. The public, however,
is not showing the interest evidenced
in the two previous contests. One
effect of the lack of enthusiasm is
indicated in the number of uncon-
tested seats. In some of the northern
constituencies where there is no like-
lihood of a change, the Unionists and
Liberals have agreed not to oppose
each other. In other places the can-
didates who secured overwhelming
majorities last January have been
accorded a walkover. Among the for-
tunate ones are Joseph Chamberlain,
for Birmingham West and Arthur H.
Lee, for Hants, Fareham division.

As the election draws near—the
first pollings will take place Decem-
ber 2, the prospects of the Unionists
improve and encourage members of
the party to hope to win from twenty
to thirty seats. The best opinion,
however, is that the Unionists will
only slightly improve their position
and will probably win a few seats
in London and North England.

Say 500 Were Shot.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS, Nov. 25.—
That 500 insurgents were ordered
shot by the government at Puebla,
Mexico, instead of only 40 having
been killed there, as told in press
dispatches in the Associated Press
letters today from Americans living
near Puebla.

Give "Dutch" Supper.

Messrs. Charles Greener and H. L.
Buck entertained at a "Dutch" supper
last night at the home of Mr. Green-
er, on the Boulevard. Covers were
laid for eight.

Just try G. R. S. Special.

ARMY TEAM LOOSES
IN FIERCE BATTLE

(Continued From First Page.)

during the period Dalton, of the Navy,
failed to kick a goal from placement.
The only misplay of the period of any
kind was a fumble by Fullback Rodes
of the Navy, which, however, did not
damage as it occurred in the middle
of the field. The nearest that either
side came to scoring a touchdown
was in the second period when Hyatt,
of the Army, fumbled one of Dalton's
plebs fell on the ball on the Army's
long punt and Gilchrist, the Navy
ten-yard line.

"Put it over. Put it over," came
the cry from the frantic midshipmen
in the north stand, but just as the
teams set themselves for a mighty
effort up went the timer's hand and
the period was over.

New Football.

The third period showed some ex-
cellent football and incidentally
brought out several plays that could
be classed under the head of new
football. One was a wing shift by
the Navy directed some times at the
right side of the Army line and some
times at the left. Occasionally it
was used as a fake formation to cover
up a forward pass on a kick. One
fake formation for a goal from place-
ment badly fooled the Army team.
Sowell, of the Navy, who set to hold
the ball for a kick, shot a forward
pass to Hamilton that netted eight
yards. This was the only time that
any substantial gain was made by a
forward pass and it was seldom used.

In the last quarter the Navy secured
possession of the ball at the
Army's 40-yard line and by fine line
plunging by Dalton and Clay and a
short end run by Rodes, placed the
ball on the Army's 25-yard line. Here
Dalton dropped back for the seventh
time to try for a goal from place-
ment. This time the kick went high,
but it sailed through between the
goal posts for the only three points
in the game. Dalton's team mates
jugged him and danced about with de-
light while the midshipmen in the
stands sent up an awful din with their
megaphones.

Even Victories.

The three points looked very big
in view of the failure of either team
to carry the ball very far and the ex-
perts came to the conclusion that,
barring a fluke the score would not
be changed. The remainder of the
game showed little advantage for either
side and the Navy left the field a
winner, making the record between the
two institutions stand seven vic-
tories each and one tie.

Following the close of the game
there was the same kaleidoscope
pyramid that has followed previous
Army-Navy games. The six hundred
midshipmen assembled in the middle,
formed a great wide circle and re-
solved to the colors as the Navy band
added to the din by blaring out patri-
otic music.

After the celebration was over the
midshipmen marched off the field
singing "The Army and Navy Forever,"
three cheers for the red, white and
blue.

The lineup: Position. West Point.
Annapolis. Hamilton, Elmer. Wood

Merring, Douglas. Left End. Devore

Wright. Left Tackle. Hurston

Weems. Left Guard. Arnold

Brown. Center. Weir

Lodin. Right Guard. Littlejohn

Gilchrist. Right Tackle. Gillespie

Sowell. Right End. Hyatt

Quarterback. Dean

Clay. Left Halfback. Browne

Dalton. Right Halfback. Surlis, McDonald

Rodes. Fullback.

Score: Annapolis, 3; West Point, 0.

Summary: Goal from placement—

Dalton. Referee—M. J. Thompson.

Down—Empire—Sharpe, Yale.

Field—Jesse—D. L. Fultz, Brown.

Linebacker—Andrew Smith Pennsylv.

Time of periods—15 minutes

each.

At Richmond—Randolph Macon, 11;

Richmond College, 5.

FEDERATION GOES TO

ATLANTA NEXT YEAR

National Labor Organization

Declares in Favor of

Woman Suffrage.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Nov. 26.—The

American Federation of Labor closed

its thirtieth annual convention tonight

by choosing Atlanta, Ga., as its meet-

ing place for next year and re-elect-

ing all officers.

The Western Federation of Miners

application for a charter was referred

to the executive council, with author-

ity to act. The first meeting of that

body will be held tomorrow. The con-

test between Atlanta, Washington and

Rochester, N. Y., for next year's meet-

ing place was the feature of the final

proceedings today. Delegations represent-

ing the three cities mentioned above

made vigorous fights on the floor, but

the Southern city won with a vote of

8,399 against 5,227 for Rochester and

365 for Washington.

The convention, by unanimous vote

indorsed woman suffrage and placed

itself on record as favoring the organ-

ization of all classes of labor in this

country, including negroes.

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What the Theaters Offer

BEST SHOW YET SEEN
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For the coming week Manager Crall
has arranged for the Olympic show
that has ever been brought to New-
port News. As a headliner, he has
secured Loie Bridge & Co., a clever
aggregation of six people, who pre-
sent the farce comedy "The Run-
aways." This is in reality a mini-
ature musical comedy show, with
good singing and great comedy. In
Richmond it was voted the biggest
hit of the vaudeville season. As an
extra added attraction, Springer and
Church have been brought to the
Olympic to present the semi-tragic
farce by Charlotte C. West entitled
"Who Is It?" It is said to be a re-
vulsive novelty, with every line a laugh.
Miss Frankie Wallace, said to be a
sparkling, up-to-date singer and
dancer, and the "recte" Hanges Sis-
ters complete the Olympic's opening
bill, which will, as usual, be changed
the middle of the week.

The prize drawings which the Olym-
pic features for advertising purposes
this week will occur at the close of
every matinee and at the end of the
first show every night. This week's
prizes appear to be most attractive,
as they consist of a guaranteed ten-
year gold-filled watch for every mat-
inee and every night during the week.
They are in an assortment of both
ladies' and gentlemen's styles and of
the celebrated Elgin manufacture.
Twelve gold watches would seem to
be a most expensive offering in the
way of prizes, but the Olympic's man-
agement feels that they will prove
an additional incentive to the public
to attend the excellent show that has
been arranged for this week.

ACADEMY BILL IS FOR
LAUGHING PURPOSES ONLY

"Too Much Love," a comedy in
which the Guy Johnson Players will
appear at the Academy of Music
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday,
matinee and night, of this week, is
said to be built for laughing purposes
only. Mr. Johnson promises that the
show will produce just sixty laughs
every minute throughout the perform-
ance.

In addition to the play several
vaudeville acts will be introduced and
new moving pictures will be shown.
This is expected to make up one of
the best bills of the season, and one
of the biggest ever offered anywhere
for the price. Special preparations
are now being made for the produc-
tions to be given during the last
three days of the week.

In the Academy announcement in
the advertising columns of this issue
will be found a list of prizes to be
awarded to lucky patrons during the
week.

Last night, in the drawing con-
ducted by J. C. Shannon, of 3621 Hun-
tington avenue, five dollar gold pieces
were awarded to I. C. Bishop, 1223
Twenty-sixth street, and Alex Kim-
pion, 224 Forty-sixth street, and box
tickets for Vogel's minstrels were
won by Master Walter Cleary, J. W.
Edwards, Frank Swan, E. H. Taylor
and A. Johnson. The prizes yester-
day afternoon were awarded to Miss
Rose Hazan, of 4294 Huntington ave-
nue, and Edward Travers, 340 Twenty-
sixth street.

VOGEL'S MINSTRELS FIRST
"ROAD" SHOW AT ACADEMY

John W. Vogel's "Big City Min-
strels" will be at the Academy of
Music next Tuesday night, November
29, reopening the Academy for "reg-
ular" attractions. Of the minstrels,
the Cumberland, Md., Daily News, in
its issue of October 2, said:

"A local theatrical season without
the coming of John W. Vogel and his
minstrel band would be as incomplete
as a version of Hamlet without the
melancholy Dane. For quite a cen-
tury John W. Vogel has made his
annual appearance in Cumberland
and his coming is as welcome to local
amusement lovers as the flowers in
May. Saturday last Mr. Vogel and
his burnt cork cohort graced the stage
of the Maryland Theatre for two per-
formances, matinee and night, each
audience, which was generous in
number, bestowing unstinted praise
upon the balladists and black face
comedians."

The advance sale for the perform-
ance here already is on.

"THE LION AND THE MOUSE" AT THE GRANBY THIS WEEK.

Conspicuous among the large audi-
ences attending the performances at
the Granby theater, Norfolk, particu-
larly the regular matinees on Tues-
days, Thursdays and Saturdays, are
many people from Newport News,
Hampton and other points on this side
of the Roads. This was especially true
of last week's attraction, the splen-
did Southern comedy, "The Turning
Point," and it is expected that there
will be many more theatergoers of
this city and vicinity who will take
advantage of seeing this week's
Granby attraction, which will be
Henry B. Harris' production of Charles
Klein's powerful drama, "The Lion and
the Mouse."

This will be the first presentation
of this excellent play at less than the
highest prices, and the announcement
is made by Manager Wells that there
will be no increase in the regular
Granby prices, which are 50 cents for
the best seats at the evening per-
formances and 35 cents at the regular
matinees, except on holidays, when
the night prices prevail at matinees.

Newport News playgoers find it
quite convenient to attend the mat-
inee performances at the Granby, as
they can witness a performance and
return home in time for dinner.

The remarkable following enjoyed
by Charles Klein's "The Lion and the
Mouse" throughout the country seems
to be more intense than ever before.
If reports received from points visited
this season by the play are to be
credited, there can be little doubt as
to the local interest, as a large num-
ber of inquiries have already been
made at the Granby theater regarding
seats for Henry B. Harris' produc-
tion of this far-famed drama.

Mr. Klein struck the chord of pop-
ular spirit with the same sympathetic
dexterity, shown by the composer of
a certain waltz that is now enjoying
almost as wide an acquaintance as
the theme of the drama of finance.
Music spreads with more speed, and
its welcome is won out by constant
practice, but such a story of revelation
as told by Mr. Klein in "The Lion
and the Mouse" will live on and be
remembered, and in practice through-
out the business world for a long time
to come. It is too true to life to es-
cape a long and practical existence.

Mr. Harris is said to have employed
his usual clever skill in filling the
organization to be seen this week at

RETIRE WELL; SOON DEAD.

Richmond Man Dies Suddenly of Heart
Failure.

RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 26.—Retir-
ing last evening in apparently good
health, Richard J. Sweeney, 60 years
old, was stricken with heart failure
a few minutes after midnight and was
dead when roomers in the house at
1603 East Marshall street reached his
side.

Several months ago Mr. Sweeney
suffered a severe attack of heart fail-
ure, but was thought to have entirely
recovered from the effects of his ill-
ness.

Mr. Sweeney came to Richmond two
years ago from Wilmington, N. C.,
where he was connected with the gen-
eral offices of the Atlantic Coast Line
railway. He was employed in this city
by the Associated Railways of Vir-
ginia and the Carolinas, holding a re-
sponsible position in the office of W.
H. Fitzgerald.

An Infant Industry.

"What's this?" demanded the cus-
toms officer, pointing to a package
at the bottom of the trunk.

"That is a foreign book entitled
"Politeness," answered the man who
had just landed.

"I guess I'll have to charge you a
duty on it," rejoined the inspector.
"It competes with a small and strug-
gling industry in this country."—Chi-
cago Tribune.

Didn't Need a Gun.

"Let's get some luncheon and a
bottle of whisky and take a day off
squirrel hunting. We'll go to Thomp-
son's woods."

"I haven't got any gun."

"That won't matter—there ain't any
squirrels in Thompson's woods."—
Toledo Blade.

The kiss of a hypocrite reminds
one of boiled ice.

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